

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., February 18, 1876—10:30 a. m. For the Middle States, rising barometer, north to west winds, colder and generally clear weather will prevail.

## The Twenty-second.

From present indications the approaching 22d will be celebrated here with as much patriotism and enthusiasm as used to mark the annual recurrence of the day in the good old times before the war.

A general meeting of the members of the Fifth Regiment was held last evening at the Armory, to take action upon the resolution passed by the Executive Committee at its recent meeting accepting the invitation from citizens of Alexandria to participate in the proposed celebration of Washington's birthday. Lieutenant Colonel Loney occupied the chair, and after stating the object of the meeting, explained that the ceremonies are to be conducted under the auspices of the several fire companies, but the committees in charge embrace many of the first gentlemen of Virginia. The preparations in progress are of a very extensive kind, and he felt assured that their welcome would be a cordial and pleasing one. If the Regiment goes, he stated its expenses will be \$2 25 per man.

Captain Zoinger opposed the acceptance of the invitation, since he thought that the Regiment went from home too much, and the fact that it already has in prospect a trip to Annapolis and another to the Centennial, should be the best reasons why they abandon this trip. Then he had also heard that this invitation had been solicited in an unbecoming way, and he was opposed to going among the generous people of Alexandria under any but the most honorable auspices. He, therefore, moved that the invitation be respectfully declined. This motion was, however, lost by a large majority, and another to accept was passed. Colonel Loney then urged the men to use their utmost endeavors to secure a creditable representation on the occasion—one that would do honor to the people of Alexandria as well as to themselves and their organization. They would wear their overcoats, knapsacks and shakos, and would most probably leave this city by a special train at 8 a. m.—*Baltimore American.*

The Alexandria correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:

"The committee in charge of the celebration of the coming anniversary of the birth of Washington are now arranging the programme of the procession and exercises. The Fifth Maryland Regiment, with the Columbia Cadets of Washington and the battalion of Cadets of St. John's Academy, Major R. J. Collins, of this city, will constitute the military portion of the line. Four fire engine companies, with representatives of the various trades, 'a school in 1776,' by some pupils of St. John's Academy, and a motley crowd of maskers will conclude the procession. A number of stores and private houses will be decorated, and at night there will be an illumination.

The Baltimore military will be receiving by a committee of five leading citizens, including Gen. S. Cooper, late assistant general of the Confederate States; Gen. Corse, Fitz Lee and W. H. F. Lee; Col. R. E. Withers, now U. S. Senator from Virginia; Col. John S. Mosby, Col. E. E. White and other officers of the late Union and Confederate armies. Capt. D. L. Smoot will deliver an oration and ex-Mayor Latham read selections from Washington's Farewell address at Sarcophagi Hall. The visiting military will be entertained by the citizens. All branches of the preparations for the day are being pushed forward with great vigor."

The committee appointed to collect and make other arrangements for the reception of the Fifth Maryland Regiment were out yesterday and to-day, and it is understood that they have so far met with very good success in their efforts. Preparations for the decoration of engine houses, public buildings and private residences are in active progress. The full programme of the day will be published in the Gazette as soon as it is completed.

The Washington Light Infantry Corps, of Washington, has accepted an invitation to participate in the celebration of the 22d in this city.

**SUN FIRE COMPANY.**—An adjourned meeting of the Sun Fire Company was held last night, Vice President John Sullivan in the chair, and Geo. B. Deaton, Secretary.

George Smith was appointed on behalf of the Committee on Fire Extinguishers to proceed to Baltimore immediately and bring on one of the Hibernia extinguishers for the use of the company.

A report of the Committee of Arrangements was read and accepted. Arthur Waring, William Spencer, Edward Super, Charles Haines and John Wells were elected active members of the company.

An invitation from the company was tendered to William Dickson, esq., President of the American Boat Club of Washington city, asking him to be a guest of this company on the 22d inst.

The caution of the company was ordered to be put in the charge of the Committee of Arrangements, and to be fired on the 22d under their direction.

Messrs. Howard Davis, Geo. S. Smith and G. B. Deaton were ordered to get all the property of the company together by the 22d.

The Committee of Arrangements were authorized to draw on Mr. S. Blomberg for what funds they may need for the parade.

The lady friends of the company are a-ked to please have all favors at their engine house by 5 p. m. Monday, February 21st.

Sundry bills were ordered to be paid, after which the meeting adjourned until Saturday evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

**THE MINERAL BUREAU.**—The Mineral Bureau has received from U. Mendenhall, esq., of St. John's Run, W. Va., two additional samples, one of excellent limestone to be examined, and one a very soft, white sandstone. The latter would make a first-class blast furnace flux, and the latter would be useful for all purposes where clean, sharp sand is required. The limestone and sand are quite near together, and within one and one half miles of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. All are found in quantity.

**WEDDING.**—The Alexandria correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "Quite a large number of Baltimoreans who came over in a special car, attended last night, in this city, the wedding of Wm. Gilmore Howard, of Baltimore, and Miss Lucy Brent, of Alexandria, on Monday night, Feb. 15th. The bride is the daughter of Dr. B. B. Whipple, of Virginia, and the groom is the son of Hon. B. C. Howard, of Maryland, and the bride is the eldest daughter of the late Col. George W. Brent, a leading lawyer of this city, and during the late war chief of staff to Gen. Beauregard and Gen. Bragg."

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.**—The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias met in Richmond on Tuesday night, Grand Chancellor, Geo. L. Stinson, of this city, presiding. Among those present were Grand Prelate, Hugh Latham, and Messrs. K. Kemper and R. C. Lee, of Alexandria. The report of Grand Chancellor Stinson is highly interesting to members of the order.

The loss sustained by the Alexandria Insurance Company at the late fire in Norfolk was very slight, and has already been settled.

**CORPORATION COURT.**—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.—George C. Hewes, appointed guardian to Thomas McCuen, and gave bond and qualified.

George C. Hewes, appointed administrator of James McCuen, deceased, gave bond and qualified.

R. T. Lucas, Jno. S. Fowler, I. C. O'Neal and S. C. Neale, appointed appraisers, any three of whom may act.

George C. Hewes, appointed administrator de bonis omni, with the will annexed of James R. McCuen, deceased, gave bond and qualified.

R. T. Lucas, Jno. S. Fowler, I. C. O'Neal and S. C. Neale, any three of whom may act, appointed appraisers.

Catharine R. Woodbury and F. R. Childs qualified as executor and executrix of the will of Ann Eliza Childs, deceased, gave bond and qualified.

McVeigh vs. Underwood; capias ad respondendum granted.

Watkins and wife vs. Jno. T. Evans; in chancery; decree of referee.

J. H. Parkhurst vs. W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R. Co. on a suggestion vs. Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad Company; answer of suggestion filed.

Selection vs. Reed et als; report of Commissioner Mushback filed.

Lloyd's administrator vs. Powell et als; decree declaring devise to infant school of Christ Church void.

Swane vs. Bell; in chancery; decree.

Selection and wife vs. King et als; in chancery; decree confirming sale.

Court adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

**OUR FIREMEN.**—In the report of the proceedings of the meeting of the 5th Maryland Regiment, in another column, it is reported that Col. Loney, in stating the object of the meeting, said "that the parade was under the auspices of the several fire companies, but that many of the first gentlemen of Virginia were on the committee of arrangements." By those who are acquainted with our firemen, it will be seen that the conjunction "and" should have been substituted for "but." The very fact that the parade is under the auspices of our firemen is a guarantee that none but gentlemen will be found upon the committee. Our firemen being all volunteers are selected from among the very best young men of the city, besides having among them many older heads of equally high standing.

**FIRE.**—The alarm of fire about 2:30 o'clock this morning was caused by the partial burning of an out-house attached to the Belle Haven Institute, on the corner of Queen and St. Asaph streets. The out-building was considerably burned, but the flames were all inside and were easily extinguished by the judicious application of a few buckets of water. The fire was no doubt caused by an incendiary. The Fire Department was speedily on the ground, but its services were not needed.

**REMOVED.**—Rev. E. J. Willis, of the Broadland Female Institute of Winchester, closed that institution last week, and transferred his boarding pupils to Clarksburg, W. Va. The reverend gentleman was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church in this city.

**POLICE REPORT.**—Richard Bell, colored, for looking up dog fighting last Sunday, was locked up for examination.

Five lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

**LOCAL SKEWETTES.**

A fight occurred near the corner of Columbus and Wolfe streets, last night, between two well known citizens of that locality, in the course of which barrels and other moveables which were lying around were used as weapons. The pugilists were finally parted by gentlemen living near by. It is supposed that both parties had imbibed too much Vinograd Hill whiskey.

The members of the M. E. Church, Rev. J. S. Beyer, pastor, gave that gentleman a pound party at the paragon, on Prince street, last night. A large number of persons were present and many valuable and useful articles were donated.

A boy, whose name we could not ascertain, while trying to jump on the A. & F. train, on Fayette street, on Tuesday night, was struck by the cars and thrown to one side, but only slightly hurt.

A. S. Perpenor has sold his house and lot on Duke street, between Columbus and Alfred, to a colored man named Green, for \$1,800. The house is a two story brick, with mansard roof.

It is understood that all the ladies from this city who held positions in McCarter's division of the Treasury Department, except Mrs. Waller and Mrs. Harper, have lost their positions.

The Sunday School of the Baptist Church will give another entertainment, consisting of tableaux, music, &c., at Peabody Hall, to-morrow night.

The steam fire engine Columbia was engaged for a time, this morning, pumping water into the steamer Keyport at the marine railway.

The Union Prayer Meeting will be held to-night in the Methodist Episcopal Church (Rev. Mr. Beyer's) at 7 1/2 o'clock.

No wonder the people have confidence, when the best physicians are prescribing Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in all cases of Cough, Cold, etc.

**NOTICE TO COLLECTING COMMITTEE.**—All persons who have been collecting money to defray the expenses of entertaining the visiting military will please pay the same over to me by Saturday morning, the 19th inst.

R. W. FALLS, Chairman Collecting Committee.

**NOTICE.**—There will be a meeting of the Directors of the Alexandria Library Co. on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. As this is the last meeting before the annual meeting of the stockholders, it is hoped every director will be present.

[Feb 16-21] S. C. NEALE, Pres't.

**A meeting of the Assistant Marshals of the Fire Department and of those already appointed or desiring to act as Citizen Marshals will be held at the Relief Truck House to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at 8 o'clock.**

[Feb 16-21] D. A. WINDSOR, Chief Marshal.

**ATTENTION, SUN.**—There will be a called meeting of the Sun Fire Co. held at their hall on Saturday evening, February 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

[Feb 16-21] GEO. B. DEATON, Secretary.

**NOTICE.**—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Library Co. will be held at the rooms of the company, corner of King and Washington streets, on Monday evening, the 21st inst., at 8 o'clock. A punctual and full attendance of stockholders is earnestly requested.

S. C. NEALE, President.

M. SLAUGHTER, Secretary.

All trades, benevolent associations or other societies desirous of participating in the celebration on the 22d of February will please report to D. R. Windsor, esq., Chief Marshal, or his Chief of Staff, R. W. Falls, before the 15th of February.

[Jan 31] Ch'n. Com. of Arrangements.

**PEABODY HALL.**

**FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.**

Consisting of

TABLEAU, MUSIC AND DIALOGUES,

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 18, 1876.

Commencing at 7:45 p. m.

Admission: Adults 15c; children 10c. [Feb 17-21]

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## FROM WASHINGTON.

## CONGRESS.

## SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—In the Senate, to-day, several memorials asking a law abolishing compulsory pilotage were presented. A bill ceding to the city of Dubuque a public lot there which was dedicated as a public square at the foundation of the city, the legal title, however, remaining in the United States, was taken up and occupied the morning hour. The bill was amended and passed.

At the close of the morning hour the 3:55 District bonds bill was taken up and discussed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

When the House of Representatives assembled at noon the Speaker was absent (having left the city to recuperate his health.) The Clerk called the House to order and Hon. S. C. Cox was chosen Speaker pro tem and took the chair.

Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, made the point of order that the Speaker pro tem must take the oath of office.

The question was discussed by Messrs. Garfield, Lawrence and Burchard in favor of the point, and by Mr. Randall, and Mr. Blaine on the other side.

Mr. Kerr's health is said by his friends to be precarious, and it is even hinted that he may not again occupy his seat.

**THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.**

The House District Committee, this morning, examined Arthur Shepherd, Dr. J. W. Blake and others and then adjourned until Wednesday next.

The whole amount of 3:55 bonds of the District issued is now \$13,743,250.

**The Trial of Gen. Babcock.**

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—Upon the resumption of the trial of Gen. Babcock this a. m., a number of witnesses were upon the stand to testify to the character of the defendant. Gen. W. T. Sherman testified: I have known Gen. O. E. Babcock intimately; I have known him since 1861, but my better knowledge of him dates from the time he brought me a dispatch at Savannah from Gen. Grant; since then I have known him almost constantly; his reputation has been very good; I never heard it questioned until these troubles; I have seen Gen. Babcock a hundred times in the Executive Mansion next to the President's room, it might be called the ante-room; those who go to the President's see Gen. Babcock first and perhaps accomplish the object of the visit without seeing the President at all; Gen. Babcock also opens the letters, distributes them and answers all except the most important; he is a kind of intermediary between the people and the President. Testimony as to good character was also given by Gen. Jay H. Simpson, of the Corps of Engineers, Gen. W. S. Harvey, Capt. L. S. Babbitt, commander of this post, Hon. E. A. Bore, ex-Secretary of the Navy. At this point ex-Governor Fletcher was put upon the stand and identified several letters from Babcock to Joyce as those placed in his possession a few weeks ago by Mrs. Joyce; only one of these letters was read at this stage of trial; it was dated March 17, 1874, and directed to Joyce in San Francisco. It is in reply to Joyce's message to Babcock: "Tell Douglass to call off his scandal hounds that only blacken the memory of F. R. and his friend." Gen. Babcock informs Joyce that there are no charges against F. R. and tells him he believes he (Joyce) was sent to San Francisco because of his high standing with the commission.

**Foreign News.**

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The rumors of the resignation of Gen. Schenck, the American Minister, continue to circulate. The "Central News" is authority for the following, which is published in the afternoon papers here: "Gen. Schenck's resignation has been tendered and accepted. He intends to remain in London to answer any charge that may be brought against him respecting the affairs of the Emma Mine."

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17.—Carl Vogt, the murderer, who was extradited from the United States, has been sentenced to death. He has applied to the Court of Cassation. Final judgment is expected about the end of March.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A telegram from the Governor of the Straits Settlements to the Colonial Secretary says that three of the actual murderers of Mr. Birch, the English resident, at Perak, have been captured. One of them has confessed everything. He says nine men perpetrated the murder, and has given all their names.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 17.—The wife, son and sister of Winslow, the Baston forger, leave for London this evening.

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—The Austrian and Hungarian Cabinets are reported to have agreed that the Austrian National Bank shall establish a Hungarian Bank of Issue, and guarantee the latter's notes and accept them the same as its own. This solves the principal difficulty in negotiating the renewal of the Austro-Hungarian compromise.

**Storm.**

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—On Sunday evening last, a destructive wind storm passed over Washington county, Ind. As far as heard from, six barns were unroofed and seven dwellings and numerous out-buildings demolished. The wife and two children of Thomas Nicholson, a farmer were seriously injured by the overturning of their house. Joel Denoy lost nearly two thousand fruit trees. Some of the farmers suffered great losses in live stock. The money value of the property destroyed is very heavy.

**The Fowle-Stevens Case.**

RICHMOND, Feb. 17.—In the Virginia State Senate, to-day, the majority report in the famous Knight Johnson contested election case, giving the seat to the sitting member, General Bradley T. Johnson, was adopted by a vote of 21 to 19.

**Death.**

HARTFORD, Ct., Feb. 17.—Rev. Dr. Horace Bushnell died here this morning, aged 73.

His literary and theological works made him one of the best known and most prominent congregational ministers in the country.

## Fire.

RUTLAND, Vt., Feb. 17.—The entire loss by fire here, last night, is estimated at \$100,000, which is covered by insurance.

## The Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Stocks active. Money 3. Gold 133. Flour dull and declining. Wheat quiet and in buyers favor. Corn dull and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17.—Wax, sixes, old, 36; do, consolidated, 69. W. Va. sixes, 9. Cotton steady and firm; middling 12 1/2. Flour quiet, steady and unchanged. Wheat, steady and unchanged.

Corn—Southern steady; Western a shade lower and active; Southern white 58 1/2; do, yellow 58 1/2; Western mixed, 61 spot and February. Oats dull; Southern 40 1/2; Western white 44 1/2; do, mixed 41 1/2; Rye firmer but quiet at 78 1/2. Hay dull; Maryland and Pennsylvania 18 1/2. Provisions strong and buoyant. Pork \$22. Butter active and firm; Western extras 26 1/2; do, firsts 23 1/2; Coffee dull and lower; Rio cargoes 14 1/2; jobbing 15 1/2. Sugar quiet and steady at 10 1/2. Whiskey dull at 111.

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The Cotton and Linen are good. They are carefully made out by a skilled pattern, and are bound to give satisfaction. Try them.

Shirts made to order by measurement at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.50. Fit guaranteed.

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**NEW GOODS.**—Received this day: Glenn's Sulphur soap, Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar, Pike's Toothache Drops, Stefford's Olive Tar, Winchester's Syrup of Hyacinth, Haskell's Tetter Ointment, Doctor Perry's Vitalized Sarsaparilla, Hall's Hair Restorer, Foul's Horse Powder, Chlorate Potash Laxative, Lactophane Powder and Cassia's Pine.

[Feb 1] JANNEY & CO.

**NEW PERCALES.**

I have just opened a handsome line of Spring Percales, new and very pretty patterns; also Gent's English Half Hose, 94 and 10 inches. COTTON SHEETINGS, &c.

Jan 8 J. M. STEWART.

**NEW YORK ENAMELLED PAINT.**—Always ready for use; the best in the world, combining beauty, durability and economy; furnished in any quantity, from one gallon upwards. For sample card and prices address

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Jan 10 JANNEY & CO.

**OLD PORT, SHERRY AND MADEIRA** WINE, Scotch Whisky and Holland Gin, in store and for sale by

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**LADIES' AND MISSES' BALMORAL** SKIRTS, Breakfast Shawls and Knit Jackets at

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**PEARL HOMINY.** Breakfast do, Breakfast Wheat, Grits, Barley, Farina, Mazena, Corn Starch, Graham Flour and Oats Meal, for sale by [Oct 18] GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

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**BORDEAUX PRUNES,** and finest London Layer, loose Muscatel and Valencia Raisins received to-day by

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**PICKLES.**—New Cucumber, English Mixed and Chow Chow, at

DAVY & HARMON'S, Cor. Prince and Royal streets.

**AXLE GRASS.**—In one pound boxes and thirty pound kegs, for sale at factory prices by

feb 11 R. B. LAWSON & CO.

**CRANBERRIES** and Cox's Gelatine just received by

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**DEW DROP** and Double Grape HOLLAND GIN, a genuine article, for sale by

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**25 BOXES ORANGES** just received and for sale low by

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**RAISINS,** Currants and Citron, Gelatine and Flavoring Extracts, Cooking Wines and Brandies, for sale by

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**ONE CASE OF THOSE** CHEAP CALICOES

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**PRIME POTMAC SHAD** and ROEBER-KING for sale by

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